

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR  
MAINTAINING A LINK BETWEEN TWO NETWORK ENTITIES

ABSTRACT

- 5            Provided are a method, system, and program for maintaining a link between a first network entity and a second network entity. The first network entity includes a network adapter and a driver. With the network adapter, it is determined whether the driver was loaded before a link-shutdown timer expired. With the network adapter, processing continues without dropping the link in response to the driver being loaded before the
- 10 link-shutdown timer expired. With the network adapter, the link is dropped in response to the driver not being loaded before the link-shutdown timer expired.